Claims:

1. A method for providing time-of-day data to a networked device, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a telephony signal that includes time-of-day data;

extracting the time-of-day data from the telephony signal; and

transmitting the time-of-day data to the networked device 102-107 over a communication network.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said telephony signal includes ICLID data.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the telephony signal is received over a PSTN transmission network 110.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the telephony signal is received over a cellular network 110.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the telephony signal is received over a Voice-over-IP network 110.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the networked device includes a networked appliance 102-103.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein said communication network is a LAN.

8. The method of claim 7 wherein the time-of-day data is transmitted in accordance with a network time protocol.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the network time protocol is the Network Time Protocol.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the network time protocol is the Simple Network Time Protocol.

11. An apparatus for providing time-day data to at least one networked device, comprising:

a data receiver 100 for receiving a telephony signal that includes time-of-day data;

a processor 203 for transforming the time-of-day data in accordance with a network protocol;

an interface arrangement 203 for transmitting the time-of-day data to the networked device over a communication network.

12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said telephony signal includes ICLID data.

13. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the telephony signal is received over a PSTN transmission network 110.

14. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the telephony signal is received over a cellular network 110.

15. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the telephony signal is received over a Voice-over-IP network 110.

16. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the networked device includes a networked appliance 102-103.

17. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein said communication network is a LAN.

18. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the time-of-day data is transmitted in accordance with a network time protocol.

19. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the network time protocol is the Network Time Protocol.

20. The apparatus of claim 18 wherein the network time protocol is the Simple Network Time Protocol.